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Wealthy Supports the Underprivileged

America’s elderly and underprivileged receive allocated tax dollars from the wealthy

Social Security Act

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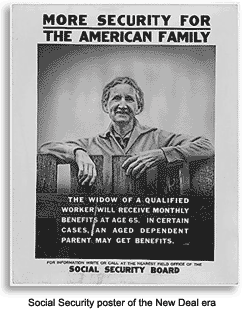
As a part of President Roosevelt’s New Deal, we are now faced with higher taxes on goods. In addition to that a fund has been allocated to provide a monthly income for certain sectors of our country’s population.

Social Security Act in Action

For many years the assistance, if any, provided to dependant mothers of children, the elderly, those injured on the job, the unemployed, and the disabled, has been provided by families and communities.

With increasingly worsening stability amongst the people of this country, the Social Security Act has now been providing a little monthly income to those who are in dire need. President Roosevelt presented this policy to congress, and though there was much resistance, it passed. What resistance has this Act faced? The wealthy claim they are becoming poorer. Most would agree that this could be considered an invasion into privacy and the long lived lifestyles of the American family. Though these times of war and vast vulnerability for this country has over shadowed the issues with the Social Security Act, many are thankful for the assistance they have been provided.

The fear has now dissipated slightly as elderly men and women can count on a little money every month to cover the cost of their groceries and medicines. Ms. Tiner, of the Boone community said, “I can get shoes for my children now. When my husband died, I worked for a meager income which was not enough to get the things we needed to live. We are grateful for the help.” Many single mothers and disabled individuals are delighted with the assistance. America has come together in an effort to push forward in these difficult times and make a way to survive.



Whether loosing wealth or gaining a little momentum on life, this Act has and will affect us all. There has been talk of some of the allocated funds being used by our government for expenses rather than keeping the funds allocated for recipients. In next month’s issue, I will go further in depth on the where the funds could be going and the response of our people.

(Social Security Act(1935))

The Truth is found when men are free to pursue it.-Franklin D. Roosevelt



The Health of our People

Letter to the Editor

Dr. Smith writes us about Health and Poverty

By Dr. James Smith

When President Roosevelt was elected, I knew the country would change. Little did I know at that time, so many changes would occur so quickly. Though the impact of the depression has affected us all, we are doing our best to come together and survive. I have seen a steady rise in the amount of cases where my patients are dying due to lack of health care.

The New Deal, and Social Security Act has proved helpful to many patients, but I am still concerned about the health care of our country. Many patients are unable to afford adequate healthcare, particularly if they suffer from a serious ailment. The Wagner Act has given some power to the states to provide healthcare for the needy. This new responsibility of the state seems unorganized in its efforts to reach the majority of the needy in our area.

I believe that the Social Security Act has taken precedence over the approval of a national health care plan. It is important for all of my patients to afford the basics, such as food and electricity. However; it hurts people when they are unable to afford the great advances in medicine that have been developed specifically for the saving of lives. I live on a meager income myself, providing all I can for my patients. I only have so much that I can give, and am heartbroken by the high costs of drugs and treatments that neither I nor my patients can afford. I have seen several people die over the years because they were unable to receive treatment for their illness. I find this unacceptable, and would like to urge our President to press on for a healthcare plan on a national level.

The state level has limited resources and power compared to the national government. During one of Roosevelt’s fireside chats, I heard him say this, “Here is my principle: Taxes shall be levied according to ability to pay. That is the only American principle.” I know for a fact there are ridiculously wealthy people in this country who have the ability to pay more in taxes. These people squander money, money that would save a person’s life. If they are required to pay more taxes in order for the country to have a health care plan, I believe we would see far less disparity in this country. People who are barely getting by should not be required to contribute, because they simply cannot.

If you are in agreement with me, I suggest that you contact President Roosevelt and express your deep concern.

Sincerely,

Dr. Smith

(Physicians For a National Health Care Program, 1999)

Talk and Tribune Celebrates Anniversary

We are happy to announce that we will continue printing this celebrated newspaper, and hope to do so for an additional 30 years. Over the years we have had many different journalists and columns from our citizens. We are delighted to be your number one source for local and national news. We bring to you the latest on our government as President Roosevelt leads our country.

We would like to invite you all to a little ice cream social this Sunday at 2 o’clock near the west end fair grounds. Several lovely ladies from our community have joined together and would like to make ice cream. Please bring your children and come on out. We would love to hear from you and learn how this newspaper has impacted you.

Our Editors Response to Dr. Smith

I appreciate your letter, Dr. Smith, as you are a respected member of this community. However; I do not agree with your proposal to include another act or “deal” that would further this country into debt. Its concerning as to what will be left for our children after so much money is having to be put forth in our dealings with Europe right now.

The New Deal has brought a great deal of hardship to this country. The programs set forth to provide jobs and regulation of this country has spurred us into further economic downfall. Franklin Roosevelt has done nothing for the South, and does not appreciate the number of people in support of his ridiculous ideas. Excuse me for being curt, but I am thoroughly disgusted by the route the country is heading. Do you realize that our taxes have gone from $1.3 billion dollars a year to $5.3? That is more than a little hike, and I assure you it is taken its fair toll on the wealthy.

President Roosevelt has added additional taxes to phone service, radio stations, and to cars. These are things our people are in great need of. Many are now unable to afford these things. Employers are no longer able to hire the people they need to complete jobs because of the excess they now pay in Social Security taxes. If these folks on Social Security were able to get better jobs, they wouldn’t need this extra money being taken out of our pockets. All the jobs created by the New Deal? Those jobs were created by tax payer money. Taking more money out of their pockets, leaving them the ability to spend less and further downgrade our economy. His Agricultural Adjustment Act has caused us all to have to pay more for food. How are your patients doing on less food? I am sure death my come to many by starvation. This TVA thing Roosevelt set in place caused a flood that has wiped out thousands of farms. Where there is more hurt than betterment taking place in this country right now, we are best to leave things alone. Focus on the economy, and let’s get a better President in office for the next term!

-Bobby G. Forman

(Powell, 2003)

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paper Chats

This special section of the paper is dedicated to inform you with interesting tidbits about people leading our nation. With all the talk of our President in this issue, we have decided to provide a timeline of information on him. I hope you find these things interesting.

“I do not look upon these United States as a finished product. We are still in the making.”   
[**Franklin D. Roosevelt**](http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/f/franklind403735.html)

Birth- January 30, 1882

New York

Marriage to Eleanor

March 17, 1905

Elected to New York State Senate

January 1, 1911

Sworn in as Assistant Secretary of the US Navy

March 17, 1913

Elected Governor of New York State

November 6, 1928

Inaugurated as 32 President of the US

March 4, 1933

Passing of the Social Security Act

August 1935

School Days

Jefferson Middle School Politics

I recently visited Jefferson Middle school and had the pleasure of speaking with young mister Bobby Joe Forgety. He is in the eighth grade, and very interested in the current state of our county’s affairs.

Bobby stated that, “My family has always been in support of President Roosevelt. There is a CCC [Civilian Conservation Corps] camp near my house. I am glad young men have been given job, and that they are able to fix the roads.”

I was surprised at the amount of middle school students so interested and impacted by the new deal. Though the recent developments with the TVA (Tennessee Valley Authority) have affected much of this area, this county has not been affected. The National Recovery Act has given way to what is being called, “National Parks.” The Smokey Mountains has long been a nearby attraction. Now that it becoming a national park, roads and picnic areas are being established throughout the park. Bobby said, “I can’t wait to visit the new park. My uncle Dave is helping with the project. I can see big improvements going on in this country.”

What ails Mr. President

President in a wheelchair

We have yet to see a president that it unable to walk.

It is reported that in 1921 Franklin Roosevelt was diagnosed with poliomyelitis. poliomyelitis is a virus that causes nerve damage. It is caused by eating contaminated food or drink. whether the president contracted this overseas or here in the states is yet to be known.

His legs are paralyzed and doctors say that he will never regain use of them.

Frances Perkins stated that, “Roosevelt underwent a spiritual transformation during the years of his illness. I noticed when he came back that the years of pain and suffering had purged the slightly arrogant attitude he had displayed on occasion before he was stricken. The man emerged completely warmhearted, with humility of spirit and with a deeper philosophy. Having been to the depths of trouble, he understood the problems of people in trouble."

(Spartacus Educational)

Interview with Mrs. Hickey of Hickey’s Café

Q: How has your business changed over the past couple years?

A: The amount of customers I have on a regular basis has increased. I just knew Mr. Roosevelt would bring us out of the “Hoover Depression.” He is a good man!

Q: What made you decide to support President Roosevelt?

A: I have always supported the Democratic Party. Something caught my attention about Mr. Roosevelt though. He was the one who warded off those German U-Boat attacks back in World War I. He got sick not too long after that. I know the man is a stern Christian.

Q: Taxes have been raised. Is it costing you more to operate your business?

A: Many folks are coming through here on their way to that new mountain project. My husband got a job with the new Public Works Administration, working around the city. The CCC camp is close by. The higher taxes don’t compare to the amount of new business I am getting in the restaurant and our butcher shop.

Q: Where was your husband working prior to becoming employed with the city?

A: He was working here, at the restaurant. My grandson is helping out around here now. He is old enough to take on a little responsibility.

Q: How do you feel about the Presidents views of civil rights and lynching?

A: The man needs to put a stop to the lynching business. The NAACP is working with him to stop it, I believe. I have never denied an individual the right to eat. They come in through the alley way, out back, and I have a little dining area for the colored folks. I respect them and they respect me. That is the way it should be.

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**Jessica Forgety, Multi-Genre Project, October 20, 2011**